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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)

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For: Image Processing Apparatus,)
 Image Processing Method,)
 Program of Image Processing)
 Method, and Recording)
 Medium in Which Program of)
 Image Processing Method)
 Has Been Recorded)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 2003-224715 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 55-133179

3. JP 6-348842

4. JP 7-262368

5. JP 8-22539

6. JP 6-195457

English-language abstracts of the documents are enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English documents 2-6 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the international application from which this application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed

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